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I am opposed to the settlement terms for the Microsoft Antitrust case. It does nothing to punish Microsoft for past misdeeds and does nothing to prevent a continuation of the behaviour which prompted the suit in the first place. The fine print in the settlement negates all of the alleged remedies. At a minimum a settlement should require Microsoft to publish the specifications for the file formats of all of their products. They have used constantly changing file formats to force users to upgrade and to prevent competitors from being able to provide viable alternatives.

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